

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club  
at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 19th April 1999**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.20pm members & visitors welcomed by Mark Spencer handed over to Leo Bergagnin in Peter Foster's absence.

**Apologies:** John Beddie, Mark & Debbie Dietz, Glen Townsend, Martin & Ilona Kandilas, Peter Foster

**Secretary:**

**Mark Spencer**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Jackie Rotenstien seconded by Darren Wright

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:**

Douglas Hoffman, CBA, GIO, Maritime Museum, Dept of Fair Trading-business registration, BDSC, One-Tel, Two Fold Dive-Eden, Florist, Doubts newsletter, URG newsletter, TUG, Liverpool City Council

**Treasurers Report: April 1999**

**Graham Oates**

to follow

Accepted by Louise Wilson      Seconded by Debbie Davis

**Dive Organisers Report**

**Jackie Rotenstien & Peter Mason.**

All information in Wet Rag, Sunday 18-04-99 Chicken Champagne A good day, 20 people attended, worthwhile having in future 1st & 2nd May Ulladulla. 2 vacancies left, June long weekend Terrigal \ Norah Head. 27th June Bombo 8.00 and 12.00 possible extra dive with United Divers. Used mag last Friday, works OK. Organise club search days, 16th May, 18th June junior divers & new members welcome, look for new wrecks, BBQ afterwards. Members unable to arrive on time to ring on club phone Jackie asked for any e-mail addresses

**Social Organiser:**      Position Vacant

**Photographic Officer:**

**Peter Flockart**

Article in Wet-Rag form Sportdiving magazine on photographic gear. Asked for interest in "George Robert's Comp", little interest shown only 2 people to date, need 12 approx. How many persons within club are doing photography? (12 replied), will arrange format for next month. (Noel Taylor will organise 1st prize.) Run comp over 2-3 months, 1 section each month NT-restrict comp within NSW waters. GP-Keep within temperate water, run comp over several months, show sections at meeting. PFL-macro 1 month portrait next, wide angle etc., members to judge slides at on night

**Publicity Officer:**

**Leo Bergagnin**

**Equipment Officer:**

**Glen Percy**

All equipment OK. Mag being used, Fee for Mag-charge for looking for wreck, rather than doing test. LB-part of original discussion-to use mag on your own there was a fee, \$20 for a search day & kept information for yourself. GP-if mag is out for 4 days & on water for 1 day the fee is \$20. LB-treat it as any other club equipment, there to be used. John Beddie replaced damaged connections cost \$30. JR mag works well, small amount of corrosion on battery pack, loud speaker not working \$10 to replace

**Dive Reports:** Martin-Night dive at Stoney Creek, old wreck, Sea Whips, Basket Stars, good vis. Next day dived The Banks 3 knot current drift dive holding onto anchor line Noel-Night dive 3 weeks ago at Kurnell, saw Harlequin Ghost Pipe Fish, rare species-usually found in tropics. Darren-lost MX-10 camera on same dive. Glen saw pipe fish at Legends-Shellharbour. Two weeks ago dived at Foster saw White pointer shark. PFL-dived Myola 1 mtr vis.

**BREAK**

Leo-called for speakers for and against keeping of mag.

Mark Hamilton-How many people within club will actually use mag?

Martin-that may depend on the terms of usage

Leo-If members want to use the mag for nothing, up to members to stand on the floor & say we want to use the mag for nothing.

Martin-I'll propose that now



**Leo-** can't do, on the point that we are voting on the mag

**Glen-** as equipment officer it has been 7 months before it was taken out, since discussion started it has been used several times, the whole debate is based on a piece of equipment not being used all the time. It does cost the club money, paid for as an investment it should show some return or cover cost. \$20 fee should only be paid for days in water, it is a \$3500 piece of equipment.

**Leo-stay on the point**

**JR-A** point to reply to Mark H, asking how many members will have use, is important to note that a lot of members within the club have never seen a mag before, have no way of knowing if they will get use of it. With search days we can teach members this is a mag, this is what it can do and promote the use of it.

**Leo-Bearing in mind, young people coming through the system may get a passion for wrecks & start looking.**

**NT-Answer** question just raised, I'm the one that proposed the sale of the mag in the first place, reason was to calm the problems we had and for the last 7-8 months, when it had not been used. My intention in the long run was to give it up or use it

**Alan Greig-**Have 3 targets up the coast, been working in Tamworth for last 12 months. If we happen to find anything, everyone can share, divers & photographers. I'm in favour of keeping it.

**Leo-** anyone to speak on selling the mag (no response). Are members happy to vote by hand(unanimous). Motion Put. Those people wanting the mag sold raise hands

Attendance 34 Proxy vote-5 Abstain 5 Vote to keep mag 33. Vote to sell mag 1

**Leo-called** for members to speak of purchase of scanner

**Glen-** In favour of purchase. We do run the AUPY & by history are a photographic club, the club should foster under-water photography. A number of previous SPDC members have taken up photography & have won the AUPY. In past production, duping, in house work was done within the club, over years has thinned out. The points Noel put, as usage is concerned are there. Benefit photographers within club.

**PFL-** Worth buying. If decide to purchase, rather than dipping into club funds, organise raffles etc. to raise money to purchase scanner. We have \$8k in bank, the basis of AV costs, if dipping into kitty any further as will not have enough money to back ourselves for AUPY 2000

**NT-** Will benefit club in promoting the club, within the dive industry which is where we want to sell tickets. Do presentations on Powerpoint, put into stores to help with sale of tickets. Willing to help write programme, promoting club & night

**PFL.** Cost \$400 for duping, slides have been duped & sent to magazines for promotion, unfortunately slides have not been returned in some cases. On CD we have a permanent record.

**PM** What is the cost?

**NT-** Slide scanners \$990 RRP, CD-Writer \$700, Aluminium case \$200, all up change from \$2000.

**Tom B-** Where will it be installed, has the club a computer

**GP** Stand alone item

**DW-** CD writer are external, plugs into parallel or printer ports

**Leo -Any more comments?, go to vote then.**

Attendance 34 Proxy-5, Abstain-6, Vote to purchase-18, Vote not to buy-8

**Leo-** Can I ask members to support the committee in conjunction with Noel Taylor to look for the equipment & report to next club meeting with proposal of costs

**PM-** And discuss & decide the method of finance, leaving the club funds as they are and organise funds for it etc.

**Leo-** Approval for purchase of CD-Writer & Scanner subject to final proposal & proposal of finance(hire rates). The members to have final say when it is time to purchase equipment

#### Raffle

1st Prize

Nitrox Course-Southern Cross Divers

Graham Poole

2nd Prize	1x Air Card (10 fills) Aqua Sports	Peter Flockart
3rd Prize	Boat dive on Sea Tamer II	Heinz Bendinger
4th Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Rod Taylor

Slide and Video presentation

#### **General Business**

Two resignations were tendered those of Peter Foster-President. Peter Mason-Dive  
Organiser

Meeting Closed: 10.20pm